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Sir:

This is in response to the official action [final rejection] dated July 26, 2004, wherein the claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a) and under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants traverse the outstanding rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed.